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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1, LINE 10 OMITTED)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, PGOV, GE, GW, BQG

SUBJECT: US-GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION:UNVEILING THE "CIRCLE
OF PERSONS" APPROACH

REF: BERLIN 5192

1. THE NATIONALITY QUESTION, WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF
THE CURRENT DEADLOCK ON THE US-GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION,
IS A TRULY MAJOR ISSUE TO THE GDR, TOUCHING AS IT DOES ON
THE GDR'S POLITY. THE ITEMS OF LEVERAGE WE POSSESS ARE
PROBABLY NOT OFSUFFICIENT MAGNITUEE TO BUDGE THE GDR ON
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THIS ISSUE. FOR OUR PART, WE CANNOT FALL OFF OUR POSITION
ON GERMAN NATIONALITY BECAUSE OF OUR INTERESTS IN BERLIN
AND THE FRG. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT, GIVEN
GDR'S LATEST INDICATION THAT IT HAS NOTHING NEW TO OFFER
(REFTEL) THE TIME IS AT HAND TO MAKE ANOTHER
EFFORT TO GET AROUND THE NATIONALITY ISSUE BY ADDRESSING
APPARENT GDR CONCERNS ABOUT THE "CIRCLE OF PERSONS"

TO BE PROTECTED BY THE CONVENTION.

2. THIS APPROACH WILL NOT DEFINE GERMAN NATIONALITY AT ALL BUT RATHER SIMPLY DEFINE THE GROUND RULES FOR CONSULAR ACCESS. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WE WOULD GIVE TO THE GDR WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE BILATERAL US-GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION SIGNED THIS DATE, CONSULS OF THE GDR WILL HAVE THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GDR CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES ON PASSPORTS OF THE GDR CONTAINING US ENTRY VISAS. NO GDR CITIZEN WILL BE FORCED TO SEE CONSULAR OR OTHER OFFICIALS OF ANY OTHER STATE AGAINST HIS OR HER WILL. END TEXT

3. THE U.S. BONN GROUP REP SHOULD PRESENT THE ABOVE TEXT FIRST TO HIS FRG COLLEAGUE AND, THEN AT THE NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING, INFORM THE ALLIES THAT WE INTEND TO PRESENT THE TEXT TO THE GDR IN SEPTEMBER

4. THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ABOVE TEXT TO THE FRG EMBASSY. VANCE

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